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Applicant: HADLACZKY et al.

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Examiner: Ton, Thaian N.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 26, 2001 (the "Office Action"), consideration of the following remarks and entry of the following amendment, which is provided in accord with requirements set forth by the Examiner, are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment places the application into condition for allowance, or, alternatively, reduces the number of issues for appeal by obviating the grounds for rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and complying with specific requirements set forth by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 33, 82 and 88 with amended claims 33, 82 and 88 as follows:

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the cell is a mouse embryonic stem cell.